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Linda walked down the driveway and out into the street. As Linda walked along, she looked at the trees and flowers lining the street. All of the trees looked dry and dusty from the heat of the summer.

As Linda came around a turn in the road, she saw something lying in the road. It couldn't be a rock or a twig, she decided, because the object moved. Linda walked closer to the object. As she got closer, Linda could see that the object was a bird. The bird was flopping around feebly. Linda knelt down to look at the bird. She could see its eyes fixed on her with a very sad, hurt look.

Linda ran home to get a box. Linda's mother came back to see the bird. Together, they gently lifted the bird into the box. Linda's mother drove Linda and the bird to the vet's office. The vet took one look at the bird and said, "Why, the bird has a broken wing! I'll have to take it to the back room and set the wing."

An hour later, the vet came back with the bird. The bird was sitting on the bottom of a cage with food and a water bowl nearby. On the bird's wing was a big white bandage. The vet said, "You will have to give the bird food and water once a day. In two weeks, bring the bird back and I will take off the bandage."

Linda enjoyed taking care of the bird. She fed and watered the bird once a day and even named the bird "Feathers." At last, two weeks had passed, and Linda took the bird back to the vet's office. The vet took the bandage off and watched carefully as the bird flexed its wing. "This bird will be able to fly again," the vet said. "However, you must keep it for two more weeks as it tries to use its wings." Linda felt good inside. She was glad that the bird would be able to fly again.

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